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CITY PROGRAMS OF THE 2013 LOWCOUNTRY OBSERVANCE OF THE CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013

The City of Charleston presents an Outdoor Film Screening of the movie "Glory" which stars Morgan Freeman, Matthew Broderick and Denzel Washington. Bring blankets and lawn chairs to this compelling, educational depiction of the Battle of Battery Wagner at Morris Island. This film is rated R; no alcohol allowed; food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase from Farmers Market vendors. The film will be shown on a jumbotron in Marion Square.

7-9pm. Marion Square, King & Calhoun Streets. Admission: FREE.

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013

Fort Sumter-Fort Moultrie Historical Trust presents a Symposium entitled Toward "A New Birth of Freedom:" Civil War Sesquicentennial Reflections on Charleston, The 54th Massachusetts Regiment, and The Battle for Morris Island. Features noted authors and historians including: Dr. Joseph T. Glatthaar, Dr. Thavolia Glymph, Robert N. Rosen, Dr. Stephen R. Wise and a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Bernard Powers.

The event is co-sponsored by the Charleston Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, City of Charleston, College of Charleston Department of History, Citadel School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Fort Sumter Tours, and the South Carolina Historical Society.

Historic Dock Street Theatre, 135 Church Street 9am-12:30pm; Admission: FREE.

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013

The City of Charleston presents a Concert, Wreath Laying and Marker Dedication Ceremony

Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. invites the community to White Point Garden as re-enactors representing both Confederate and Union camps participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Confederate Defenders Monument and the future site of a marker on the Battery describing the Civil War battles at Battery Wagner and Morris Island and the significant role played by the 54th Massachusetts Regiment.

The 8th Regiment Band of Rome, Georgia will perform the prelude music beginning at 6:00pm.

The Dedication Ceremony will begin at 7:00pm. The ceremony includes Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., re-enactors representing both Confederate and Union camps, and the Mt. Zion AME Spiritual Ensemble, directed by Alphonso Brown. Additional participants include Rev. John Paul Brown of Mt. Zion AME Church, vocalist Janet Scott, saxophonist Lonnie Hamilton, III, members of the Washington Light Infantry as well as the Sons of Confederate Veterans Secession Camp 4 and 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company I.

The event is free and open to the public.

6-7pm Prelude; 7-7:30pm Dedication Ceremony. White Point Garden at The Battery, Murray Blvd. at East Battery. Admission: FREE.

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